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TAGS : OREP (CHARLES PERCY)

SUBJECT : CODEL PERCY; PRESS COVERAGE BAHRAIN

1. BAHRAIN-BASED ENGLISH LANGUAGE WEEKLY GULF MIRROR
JANUARY 12 FEATURED INTERVIEW WITH SENATOR PERCY. AS
PUBLISHED, SENATOR STRESSED HE IMPRESSED BY "ABSOLUTE DEVOTION
TO PEACE" OF GULF STATES AND "HARDWORKING, CONSCIENTIOUS"
QUALITIES OF PALESTINIANS IN AREA. PRIOR TO VISIT SENATOR
CONCERNED BY POSSIBLE "WAR PSYCHOLOGY" IN AREA BUT NOW REALIZES
THIS IMPRESSION RESULT OF FACT THAT "LOUD VOICES SNATCH THE
HEADLINES". SENATOR QUOTED AS COMPARING YEARNING OF GULF
PALESTINIANS FOR "HOMELAND" TO THAT OF WESTERN JEWS FOR
HOMELAND OF THE MIND IN MIDDLE EAST.

2. SENATOR QUOTED AS IMPRESSED BY IMPORTANCE ARABS ATTACH TO
U.S. ROLE IN QUEST FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE. RE SECRETARY'S
BUSINESS WEEK INTERVIEW PERCY NOTED "INTERVENTION" REMARK ADDRESSED
HYPOTHETICAL SITUATION AND WAS TAKEN OUT OF CONTEXT. STATING "I CAN
NOT BELIEVE OPEC COUNTRIES WOULD EVER STOP US FROM HAVING OIL,"

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SENATOR ADDED RE KISSINGER "I HAVE NEVER KNOWN A MAN MORE

DEVOTED TO PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS."

3. FINALLY ARTICLE NOTED SENATOR IMPRESSED WITH FAVORABLE
CLIMATEFOR U.S. BUSINESS IN GULF AND CONVINCED GULF'S
FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY CAN BE UNITED TO
BENEFIT PEOPLE EVERYWHERE.

4. AP/TIME STRINGER ALSO ATTENDED INTERVIEW BUT WE HAVE NOT
SEEN HIS COVERAGE.
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